

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5-7, 15-17, 19 and 21 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Al-Hilali; and, has indicated that Claims 18 and 20 are allowable, but objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. By this amendment, Applicants have amended allowable Claims 18 and 20 to present those claims in independent format, including all of the limitations of the base claims from which they depend and all of the intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 18 now recites all of the limitations of Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, and 18. Claims 1, 7, 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 2-6 have been amended to now depend from allowable Claim 18. Claim 20 now recites all of the limitations of Claims 15, 19 and 20. Claims 15 and 19 have been canceled. In addition, Claim 21 has been amended into independent format to include all of the same limitations of Claim 16 and parallel limitations to those recited in amended Claim 18. Claim 16, from which Claim 21 previously depended, has been canceled. Applicants believe that the amendments place all of remaining claims, Claims 2-6, 18, and 20-21, in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, the amendments made to the claims be approved, and the remaining claims be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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